

To whom it may concern:

I simply wanted my voice to be heard on the matter of, ***Petition Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. For Partial Forbearance From The Commercial Mobile Radio Services Number Portability Obligation.*** I would like you to know that I am in full support of cell phone number “portability”. We the people are currently prevented from making sound financial decisions because of the current system of being forced to lose our personal cell phone number(s) when changing cell phone providers. Why should the wireless telephone industry be any different than that of the traditional “wired” telephone world where there is true competition? In my opinion, it should be NO different! The giant wireless telephone companies are opposed to cell phone number portability for one reason and one reason only. Their profit margins will suffer slightly in the short term. However, I fail to feel sorry for these companies, as the wireless telephone industry raked in a staggering \$56 billion dollars last year. It is time that a true competitive market place is created so that all Americans can enjoy the freedoms that this country was built around and that is to be able to make decisions without being bullied by those who have more power, more money and ultimately more lobbying potential than me, the little guy. Cell phone number portability should have been adhered to in 1999 when it was supposed to have been implemented initially and most certainly should be adhered to in November of 2002. Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter and making my voice heard to those that I cannot tell personally.

Sincerely,

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